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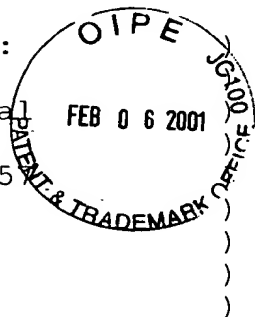
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Toshiaki KAWACHI et al

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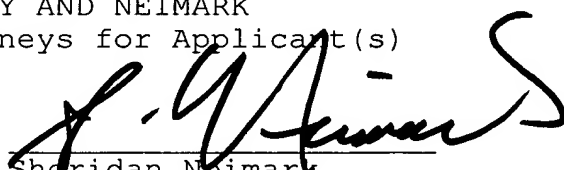
Sir :

A review of the IDS filed November 9, 2000, has revealed a clerical or typographical error in the English language Abstract of one of the citations, namely JP '871, Document AB. Accordingly, attached hereto is a corrected English language Abstract in which the error, previously appearing in translated claim 5, has been corrected.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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2. A sliding member according to claim 1, characterized in that a total amount of Sn and In comprised in the coating layer is 40 to 70wt%.

3. A sliding member according to claim 2, characterized in that the coating layer comprises 20 to 60wt% Sn and 2 to 20wt% In.

4. A sliding member according to claim 1, characterized in that the coating layer further comprises at least one element selected from Sb, Cu, Ag and Au.

5. A sliding member according to claim 4, characterized in that an amount or a total amount of at least one element selected from Sb, Cu, Ag and Au is 0.05 to ~~0.5wt%~~ 5.0

6. A sliding member according to claim 1, characterized in that the coating layer is of a plating film provided on the base material by plating treatment.

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